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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Europe on behalf of its working group on global fundamental geospatial data themes. The report will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the progress made in the determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes.

Summary of the report

At its seventh session, held in New York from 2 to 4 August 2017, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 7/104, in which it adopted the proposed minimum list of global fundamental geospatial data themes and expressed support for the offer of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Europe to continue to develop more details for each theme and to draw up plans for promoting the proposed minimum list and making it better known, accepted and applied within the wider community, including the non-geospatial community.

In its report, the Regional Committee for Europe outlines its action to advance the work on the determination of the fundamental geospatial data themes at the global level. It also describes its engagement with the other regional committees and their relevant working groups, its engagement with other working groups of the Committee of Experts, the methodology used and the review process that it has undertaken to produce high-level descriptions for each of the themes. The report includes summaries of activities undertaken by the working group to promote the themes within the geospatial and non-geospatial communities, including workshops in Africa and promotional activities at other events. The report also includes recommendations for next steps the Committee of Experts may wish to consider.

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